

**NATURAL GAS PIPELINE SAFETY ACT**

*Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce:* On Friday, March 12, Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on fiscal year 1977 authorization for Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act. Testimony was heard from James T. Curtis, Director, Materials Transportation Division, and Cesar DeLeon, Acting Director, Office of Pipeline Safety, DOT; and James Kelly, President, National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners.

**NATIONAL TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY ACT AUTHORIZATION**

*Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce:* On Friday, March 12, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Finance continued hearings on H.R. 9291, to amend the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966 to authorize appropriations. Testimony was heard from Dr. James Gregory, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and public witnesses.

**BANKRUPTCY ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights continued hearings on H.R. 31 and 32, to revise the Bankruptcy Act. Testimony was heard from Elinor Guggenheimer, Commissioner, Department of Consumer Affairs, N.Y.C.; and Martin Pinson, National Association of Small Business Investment Corporations.

On Friday, March 12, the Subcommittee continued hearings on H.R. 31 and 32 with testimony from public witnesses.

**DEEP SEABED HARD MINERALS ACT**

*Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries:* Subcommittee on Oceanography began markup of H.R. 11879 and related bills, Deep Seabed Hard Minerals Act, and will resume tomorrow.

**PEACE CORPS ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted an open rule providing for the consideration of and one hour of general debate, waiving points of order against the provisions of section 303(a) of Public Law 93-344 on H.R. 12226, to amend further the Peace Corps Act. Testimony was heard from Chairman Morgan and Representative Buchanan.

**USIA AUTHORIZATION**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted an open rule providing for the consideration of and one hour of general debate on H.R. 11598, U.S. Information Agency Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 1976. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hays and Representative Buchanan.

**GUATEMALA DISASTER RELIEF ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted an open rule providing for the consideration of and one hour of general debate, discharging the Committee on International Relations from further consideration of the bill S. 3056; and providing it shall be in order in the House to strike out all after the enacting clause of the Senate bill and insert in lieu thereof the provisions contained in H.R. 12046 as passed by the House, Guatemala Disaster Relief Act of 1976. Testimony was heard from Representatives Diggs, Hechler of West Virginia, and Gilman.

**ESTATE AND GIFT TAXES**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Began hearings on Federal estate and gift taxes. Testimony was heard from Chairman Mahon; Representatives Abdnor and Baldus; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

**TAX PROBLEMS ARISING FROM TRANSFER OF RAILROAD PROPERTIES**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* On Friday, March 12, the Committee held a hearing on tax problems arising from transfer of certain railroad properties into the Consolidated Railroad Corporation (CONRAIL). Testimony was heard from William Goldstein, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy, Treasury Department; and public witnesses.

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*Tuesday, March 16, 1976*

**Senate****Chamber Action**

*Routine Proceedings, pages 6566-6691*

**Bills Introduced:** 13 bills and 4 resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3142-3154; S.J. Res. 180-181; S. Con. Res. 103; and S. Res. 406.

*Pages 6567-6568, 6586-6587, 6589*

**Bill Reported:** Report was made as follows:

S. 3149, to require testing and necessary use restrictions on certain chemical substances (S. Rept. No. 94-698);

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**Bills Referred:** Sundry House-passed bills were referred to appropriate committees.

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**Messages From the House:** Senate received four messages from the House today.

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**Amendments Submitted for Printing:**

*Pages 6609-6628*

**Measures Passed:**

**Agriculture Department dependents:** Senate passed without amendment and sent to the House S. 3052, authorizing utilization of funds for orientation and language training of dependents of Agriculture Department employees who have foreign assignments.

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**Carbonyl chloride:** Senate passed without amendment and cleared for the White House H.R. 9570, authorizing the sale and shipment of carbonyl chloride by the Department of Defense.

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**Bicentennial celebration:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 103, authorizing the Joint Committee on Arrangements for the Commemoration of the Bicentennial of the United States of America to provide facilities and services for visitors to the Capitol buildings and grounds.

Pages 6586-6587

**Trust Territory of the Pacific:** Senate agreed to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 12122, authorizing funds for continuance of civil government in the trust territory in the Pacific Island, with an amendment to delete from the bill House provisions extending certain social security programs to the territory of Guam.

Pages 53551-53552

**Library of Congress Trust Fund Board:** Senate agreed to the House amendment to S. 2619, to adjust the amount of interest paid on funds deposited with the Treasury by the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board, with an amendment (Cannon) to assure the Library of Congress permanent loan fund of an interest rate equivalent to the rate on Treasury long-term marketable obligations.

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**Treasury Funds:** Senate agreed to the House amendment to S. 2620, to adjust the amount of interest paid on certain funds deposited with the Treasury, with an amendment (Cannon) removing "investment" requirement for the bequest and provide for computation of interest on the fund at an interest rate equivalent to the rate for the permanent loan fund.

Pages 6734-6735

**Federal Election Commission:** Senate continued to consider S. 3065, proposed Federal Election Campaign Act amendments of 1976, agreeing to modified Mondale amendment No. 1436, establishing Commission to Study Presidential Nominating Process; and rejecting, by 46 yeas to 47 nays Griffin amendment in the nature of a substitute bill (motion to reconsider tabled by 49 yeas to 45 nays and one voting present).

Pages 6692, 6722

Pending at adjournment was Packwood amendment No. 1445, to require increased disclosure of expenditures by business concerns and unions under certain circum-

stances. Under unanimous consent agreement, vote on this amendment will occur at 11:45 a.m. on Wednesday, March 17, following which pending amendment will be Allen amendment No. 1446, adding a new section dealing with the use of regulations, advisory opinions, etc., in civil and criminal enforcement proceedings.

Pages 6730, 6734  
Pages 6692-6735

**Presidential Messages:** Senate received the following messages from the President:

Transmitting fifth quarterly report of the Council on Wage and Price Stability, referred to Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs; and

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Transmitting a report setting forth import relief actions he will take with respect to stainless steel and alloy tool steel products covered by the affirmative finding on January 16, 1976, of the United States International Trade Commission under the Trade Act, referred to Committee on Finance.

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**Vice Presidential Appointments:** Vice President appointed Senators Humphrey and Brooke to the United Nations Habitat Conference on Human Settlements, to be held in Vancouver, Canada, May 31-June 11, 1976.

Also, Vice President appointed the Majority and Minority Leaders, or their designees, and the Chairman of the Committee on Rules and Administration as members of the joint committee to make the necessary arrangements for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States.

Pages 6587, 6735

**Nominations:** Senate received the following nominations:

James F. Searce, of Virginia, to be Federal Mediation and Conciliation Director;

Christian A. Herter, Jr., of New Mexico, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Agency for International Development;

Samuel R. Martinez, of Colorado, to be Director of the Community Services Administration; and

Numerous nominations in the Army and Navy.

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today (total—71).

Pages 6725, 6726

**Adjournment:** Senate met at 10:15 a.m. and adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

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## Committee Meetings

### GRAIN INSPECTION

**Committee on Agriculture and Forestry:** Subcommittees on Agricultural Production, Marketing, and Stabi-

lization of Prices, and Foreign Agricultural Policy resumed joint hearings on legislation to establish a national grain inspection system and proposing standards for such inspection (S. 2256, 2296, 2326, 3055), receiving testimony from William F. Brooks, National Grain Trade Council, Washington, D.C.; Alvin W. Donahoo, Minneapolis Grain Exchange; Glen D. Hofer, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, Washington, D.C.; Virgil A. McNamee, and John Williamson, both representing the National Association of Chief Grain Inspectors; Clyde M. Webber, American Federation of Government Employees, Washington, D.C.; L. E. Vanderford, Memphis Board of Trade, Tenn.; M. R. Gruber, Southern Weighing and Inspection Bureau, Atlanta, Ga.; T. W. Hoke, and J. B. Feeney, both of the Western Weighing and Inspection Bureau, Chicago, Ill.; Orville Fisher, Topeka Mill and Elevator Co., Kansas; George Voth, Far-Mar-Co., Inc., Hutchinson, Kansas; David McKee, Collingwood Grain Co., Hutchinson, Kansas; Joe Greeg, Morrison-Greeg-Mitchell Grain Co.; Milton Morrison, Morrison Grain Co., Salina, Kansas; and Harold Hofstrand, U.S. Durum Growers Association, Leeds, N.D.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

#### FOREST AND RANGELAND MANAGEMENT

*Committee on Agriculture and Forestry:* Subcommittee on Environment, Soil Conservation, and Forestry continued joint hearings with Interior and Insular Affairs Subcommittee on the Environment and Land Resources on legislation concerning forest management practices (S. 2851, S. 2926, S. 3091) and on the President's assessment and program for forest and rangeland resources management, receiving testimony from Senator Gravel; and numerous public witnesses representing forest organizations and related industries.

Hearings continue on Monday, March 22.

#### APPROPRIATIONS—EPA & CEQ

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on HUD continued hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1977, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Russell E. Train, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; and Russell W. Peterson, Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality.

Subcommittee will meet again on Monday, March 22.

#### APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee resumed closed hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1977 for the Defense Establishment, receiving testimony on behalf of funds for their respective activities from Edward A. Miller, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Research and Development); Lt. General Howard H. Cooksey, Deputy Chief of Army Staff for Research, De-

velopment, and Acquisition; and Harold L. Brownman, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations and Logistics).

Subcommittee will meet again tomorrow.

#### APPROPRIATIONS—HEALTH

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee continued hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1977 for the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, receiving testimony on funds for the health programs from numerous public witnesses.

Subcommittee will meet again tomorrow.

#### APPROPRIATIONS—INTERIOR

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee resumed hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1977 for the Department of the Interior and related activities, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Fred N. Zeder, Director, Office of Territorial Affairs, Department of the Interior; Earl B. Ruth, Governor of American Samoa; Edward E. Johnston, High Commissioner, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; James A. Defenbach, U.S. Government Comptroller for the Virgin Islands; and Floyd W. Fagg, U.S. Government Comptroller for Guam and the Trust Territory; Edward D. L. G. Pangelinan, Chairman of the Marianas Political Status Commission; Mary Vance Trent, Acting Director, Office for Micronesian Status Negotiations; and Representatives of the Governments of American Samoa and Micronesia.

Subcommittee will meet again tomorrow.

#### MILITARY WEAPONS PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Tactical Air Power continued closed hearings on Marine Aviation Programs including Force Structure Update, Marine Aircraft Programs, and Navy V/STOL Programs, receiving testimony from Lt. General Thomas H. Miller, Deputy Chief of Staff for Air, Marine Corps; Vice Admiral Kent L. Lee, Commander, Naval Air Systems Command; and Rear Admiral Robert P. McKenzie, Assistant Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Air.

Also, Subcommittee received testimony in closed session on Navy aircraft programs (including the F-14, F-18, A-7E, E-2C, EA-6B, Reconnaissance, TASES and RPVs) from Vice Admiral William D. Houser, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Air Warfare; and Lt. General Thomas H. Miller, Deputy Chief of Staff for Air, Marine Corps.

Subcommittee will meet again tomorrow.

#### TRUTH-IN-LENDING AMENDMENTS

*Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs began hearings on proposed legislation to create a private attorney general action as a substitute for class action for civil penalties

under the Truth in Lending and Equal Credit Opportunity Acts, and S. 3008, proposing "due process" procedures to be followed by the Federal Reserve Board, receiving testimony from Matthew Hale, Washington, D.C.; Robert Norris, National Consumer Finance Association, Washington, D.C.; Glenn Hodges, Memphis, on behalf of the Consumer Bankers Association; and Donald J. Yellon, First National Bank of Chicago.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

#### NATIONAL CONSUMER COOPERATIVE BANK

*Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions began hearings on S. 2631, to create a Federally chartered National Consumer Cooperative Bank, receiving testimony from George H. Dixon, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury; Ed A. Jaenke, Washington, D.C.; Cora T. Walker, Harlem River Consumer Cooperative, New York City; Frank Sollars, Cooperative League of the U.S.A., Washington, D.C.; Ralph Nader, Congress Watch, Washington, D.C.; Jake Clayman, AFL-CIO, Washington, D.C.; and Carol Foreman, Consumer Federation of America, Washington, D.C.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, March 18.

#### CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee resumed hearings in preparation of reporting its first concurrent resolution setting forth recommended levels of total budget outlays, Federal revenues and new budget authority, receiving testimony from Senators Kennedy and Gravel; and Representative Brown of Ohio.

Committee will meet again on Monday, March 22.

#### COMMITTEE BUSINESS

*Committee on Commerce:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1624, to promote the free flow of wine in interstate commerce;

S. 2935, authorizing funds for fiscal years 1976 through 1978 for the Federal Trade Commission, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (As approved by the Committee the bill would authorize funds as follows: Fiscal year 1976—\$54 million; Transition Period—\$14.5 million; Fiscal Year 1977—\$70 million; and fiscal year 1978—\$85 million);

S. 3130, to prohibit the taking of killer whales; and

The nominations of Betty Jo Christian, of the District of Columbia, to be an Interstate Commerce Commissioner; R. Tenny Johnson, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Civil Aeronautics Board; and Calvin Joseph Collier, of Virginia, to be Federal Trade Commissioner.

#### D.C. PENSION SYSTEMS

*Committee on the District of Columbia:* Committee began hearings to examine the various public employee

pension systems operating in the District of Columbia, receiving testimony from Comer S. Coppie, Director, Office of Budget and Financial Management, accompanied by George R. Harrod, Director, Personnel Office, both of the District of Columbia Government; and Cedric Kroll, Government Actuary, Office of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Hearings continue on Thursday, March 18.

#### FUTURE FOREIGN POLICY

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee resumed hearings on "Foreign Policy Choices for the 70's and 80's" receiving testimony from Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger.

Committee recessed subject to call.

#### LOBBY REFORM

*Committee on Government Operations:* Committee began consideration of S. 2477, to provide for increased public disclosure of lobbying activities which influence issues before the Congress and the Executive branch, but did not complete action thereon and recessed subject to call.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings on the following nominations:

William L. Fisher, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Senator Tower and Dale Kent Frizzell, Under Secretary of the Interior;

John D. Christie, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Federal Energy Administration, after receiving testimony from Senator Scott; and

Robert L. Hirsch, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of Energy Research and Development Administration, after receiving testimony from Robert W. Fri, Deputy Administrator, Energy Research and Development Administration.

The nominees testified and answered questions on their own behalf.

#### PUBLIC WORKS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

*Committee on Public Works:* Subcommittee on Economic Development continued hearings on S. 2228, authorizing funds for fiscal year 1977 through 1979 for public works and economic development programs, receiving testimony from Mayor Ed Vela, Hidalgo, Tex., and Charles Ralph Paul, both representing the National Association of Development Organizations; Agnes McCartney, representing the National Association of Regional Councils; Mayor Thomas C. Maloney, of Wilmington, Del., representing the National League of Cities and U.S. Conference of Mayors; Thomas A. Kelly, D. Kenneth Patton, and William J. Schneider,

all representing the National Council of Urban Economic Development; James M. Scott, representing the National Association of Counties; and David Hartley, American Institute of Planners.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

## INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

*Select Committee on Intelligence Activities:* Committee met in closed session on committee business, but made no announcements and will meet again tomorrow.

dent wherein he transmits the fifth quarterly report of the Council on Wage and Price Stability—referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

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**Further Continuing Appropriations:** By a ye-and-nay vote of 309 yeas to 75 nays, the House passed H.J. Res. 857, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1976, and the period ending September 30, 1976.

Agreed to the committee amendment; and

An amendment that appropriates \$175,000 for the National Commission on Water Quality.

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**Representation for the District of Columbia:** House completed all general debate, and began reading for amendment, H.J. Res. 280, to amend the Constitution to provide for representation of the District of Columbia in the Congress; but came to no resolution thereon. Proceedings under the 5-minute rule will continue tomorrow.

H. Res. 1040, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by a ye-and-nay vote of 313 yeas to 72 nays.

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**Presidential Message—Specialty Steel Imports:** Received and read a message from the President wherein he transmits to Congress actions he is taking on specialty steel imports pursuant to section 203(a) of the Trade Act of 1974—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 94-409).

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**CIA Report:** The Speaker announced that the report of the Select Committee on Intelligence has additionally been referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

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**Referrals:** One Senate-passed measure was referred to the appropriate House committee.

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**Adjournment:** Adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### HUMAN NUTRITIONAL RESEARCH

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Department Operations, Investigation and Oversight held an oversight hearing on the role of the Federal Government in human nutritional research. Testimony was heard from USDA and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

### COFFEE PRICES

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Domestic Marketing and Consumer Relations held a hearing on the current coffee price situation. Testimony was heard

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 43 public bills, H.R. 12531-12573; 9 private bills, H.R. 12574-12582; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 864-865, H. Con. Res. 584-586, were introduced.

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**Bills Reported:** Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2411, amended; 7832, amended; 8065; 8119, amended; S. 52, amended; 223, amended; 804; 832; and 1699, amended; all private bills (H. Repts. 94-904 to 912, respectively).

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**Private Calendar:** On the call of the Private Calendar, the House passed over without prejudice H.R. 6817.

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**Hatch Act:** The Speaker appointed Representatives Spellman, Solarz, Charles H. Wilson of California, Harris, Johnson of Pennsylvania, and Rousselot as additional conferees on H.R. 8617, to restore to Federal civilian and Postal Service employees their rights to participate voluntarily, as private citizens, in the political processes of the Nation, and to protect such employees from improper political solicitations.

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**Late Report:** Committee on Ways and Means received permission to file a report by midnight Thursday, March 18, on H.R. 12490, to provide tax treatment for exchanges under the final system plan for ConRail.

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**Group Eligibility Determination:** By a ye-and-nay vote of 383 yeas, the House voted to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 12455, to extend from April 1 to October 1, 1976, the maximum period during which recipients of services on September 30, 1975, under titles IV-A and VI of the Social Security Act, may continue to receive services under title XX of that act without individual determinations.

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**Presidential Message—Council on Wage and Price Stability:** Received and read a message from the Presi-

from Julius Katz, Department of State, and public witnesses.

Hearings continue Thursday, March 18.

#### AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Farmers Home Administration.

#### DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held executive hearings on the Intelligence Community Budget; and the CIA budget with testimony from CIA Director George Bush.

#### FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Foreign Operations held a hearing on international financial institutions.

#### VETERANS APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on HUD-Independent Agencies held a hearing on Veterans' Administration.

#### INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies held a hearing on supplements.

#### LABOR-HEW APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor-HEW continued hearings on HEW fiscal year 1977 requests.

#### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction held an executive hearing on Navy construction; and an open hearing on Trident construction.

#### PUBLIC WORKS APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Public Works continued hearings on ERDA.

#### INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Justice, Commerce and Judiciary held a hearing on Federal Communications Commission.

#### TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation continued hearings on Federal Aviation Administration.

#### TREASURY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service and General Government held a hearing on the Civil Service Commission.

#### FINANCIAL REFORM ACT

*Committee on Banking, Currency and Housing:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions, Supervision, Regulation and Insurance continued hearings on the Financial Reform Act. Testimony was heard from FDIC Chairman Wille and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

#### FULL EMPLOYMENT AND BALANCED GROWTH ACT

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Subcommittee on Equal Opportunities continued hearings on the revised version of H.R. 50, Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act of 1976. Testimony was heard from Representative Burke of California, and public witnesses.

#### NLRB PROCEDURES

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Subcommittee on Labor-Management Relations continued oversight hearings on the procedures and remedies of the National Labor Relations Act. Testimony was heard from representatives of the Service Employees' International Union; and National Union of Hospital and Health Care Employees.

Hearings continue Monday, March 22.

#### NATIONAL WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Subcommittee on Manpower, Compensation, and Health and Safety continued oversight hearings on the National Workers' Compensation Act. Testimony was heard from Senator Javits, and public witnesses.

#### FAA SYSTEM DEFICIENCIES

*Committee on Government Operations:* Subcommittee on Government Activities and Transportation continued hearings on FAA response to system deficiencies. Testimony was heard from FAA officials.

#### STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL ASSISTANCE ACT

*Committee on Government Operations:* Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations and Human Resources continued markup of H.R. 6558, State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972, and will resume on Thursday, March 18.

#### COMMITTEE BUSINESS

*Committee on House Administration:* Subcommittee on Accounts met and acted on committee funding resolutions.

**BRISTOL CLIFFS WILDERNESS**

*Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs:* Met and ordered reported favorably to the House S. 2308, to modify boundaries of Bristol Cliffs Wilderness.

**MIDDLE EAST FORCES**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on International Political and Military Affairs held an executive hearing on balance of forces in the Middle East. Testimony was heard from Maj. Gen. Lincoln D. Faurer, USAF, Deputy Director for Intelligence, DIA; and Lt. Col. John J. Bubon, USA, and other DIA officials.

**FIRST USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on International Security and Scientific Affairs held a hearing on review of the legislative proposals regarding first use/first strike of nuclear weapons. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ottinger, Aspin, and Abzug.

Hearings continue Thursday, March 18.

**CLEAN AIR ACT AMENDMENTS**

*Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce:* Continued markup of H.R. 10498, Clean Air Act Amendments of 1975, and will resume tomorrow.

**HEALTH EXTENSIONS**

*Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health and the Environment met and approved for full committee action the following bills:

H.R. 8278 amended, National Health Education and Disease Prevention Act;

H.R. 11316 amended, to extend for three fiscal years assistance programs for health services research and statistics and programs for assistance to medical libraries; and

H.R. 11317 amended, to extend for three years the programs of assistance under the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment, and Rehabilitation Act of 1970.

**FEA OFFICIALS**

*Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power continued hearings on FEA authorization for fiscal year 1977 with testimony from FEA officials.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

**JUDICIARY MISCELLANY**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Met and ordered reported favorably to the House the following bills:

H.R. 11722, to prohibit deprivation of employment or other benefit for political contribution; and

H.R. 12048 (technical amendment), Administrative Rule Making Reform Act of 1976.

The Committee also acted on private immigration, private claims, and patent bills.

**BILL OF RIGHTS PROCEDURES ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, Civil Liberties, and the Administration of Justice continued markup of H.R. 214, Bill of Rights Procedures Act, and will resume tomorrow.

**DEEP SEABED HARD MINERALS ACT**

*Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries:* Subcommittee on Oceanography met and approved for full committee action H.R. 11879 amended, Deep Seabed Hard Minerals Act.

**WATERSHED PROJECTS**

*Committee on Public Works and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Water Resources held a hearing on watershed projects of the USDA Soil Conservation Service. Testimony was heard from Representatives Poage, Holland, Nolan, and Shriver; Joseph Haas, Soil Conservation Service, USDA; and Brant Blackwelder, Environmental Policy Center.

**OCS-EPA-ERDA AUTHORIZATIONS**

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Met and ordered reported favorably to the House the following bills:

H.R. 11333 amended, to authorize a program of energy research, development, and demonstration to assist in the exploration and development of oil and gas on the Outer Continental Shelf;

H.R. 12035 amended, to authorize appropriations for environmental research, development, and demonstration; and

H.R. 12113 amended, to authorize appropriations to the Energy Research and Development Administration in accordance with section 261 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, section 305 of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, and section 16 of the Federal Nonnuclear Energy Research and Development Act of 1974.

**ESTATE AND GIFT TAXES**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Continued hearings on estate and gift taxes with testimony from Senators Nelson, Packwood, Mathias and Beall, and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

**Joint Committee Meeting****FOREIGN MILITARY SALES**

*Conferees* continued to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of S. 2662, the In-

ternational Securities Assistance and Arms Export Control Act, but did not reach final agreement and recessed subject to call.

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Wednesday, March 17, 1976

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages 6825-6936*

**Bills Introduced:** 13 bills and 3 resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3155-3167; S.J. Res. 182; and S. Res. 407-408.

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**Bills Reported:** Reports were made as follows:

S. 3161, authorizing placement, during the Bicentennial, of flag poles adjacent to the National Visitors Center to accommodate the flags of each of the States and U.S. territories and possessions (S. Rept. No. 94-699);

H.R. 3427, providing for the striking of medals in commemoration of the two hundredth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence by Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Md. (S. Rept. No. 94-700);

S. 2935, authorizing funds for fiscal years 1976 through 1978 for the Federal Trade Commission, with an amendment (S. Rept. No. 94-701);

H.J. Res. 857, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1976, and the period ending September 30, 1976 (S. Rept. No. 94-702).

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**Bills Referred:** H.R. 12455, social security services, was referred to Committee on Finance, and H.J. Res. 857, continuing appropriations, was referred to Committee on Appropriations.

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**Bill Held at Desk:** H.R. 12188, Community Services Act Amendments, was ordered to be held at the desk.

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**Messages From the House:** Senate received two messages from the House today.

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**Amendments Submitted for Printing:**

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**Southeastern University:** Senate agreed to the House amendment to S. 611, to reaffirm and clarify the non-profit status of the Southeastern University of the Young Men's Christian Association of the District of Columbia, thus clearing the measure for the White House.

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**Peanut Acreage Allotments:** Senate agreed to the House amendment to S. 1545, to authorize the transfer

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of peanut acreage allotments from one farm to another in the event of a natural disaster, thus clearing the measure for the White House.

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**Federal Election Commission:** Senate continued consideration of S. 3065, proposed Federal Election Campaign Act amendments of 1976, taking action on amendments proposed thereto as follows:

Adopted:

(1) By 50 yeas to 41 nays, and 1 voting present, Packwood amendment No. 1445, to require increased disclosure of political campaign expenditures by business concerns and unions under certain circumstances;

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(2) Clark amendment of a technical and clarifying nature to Section 313 of the bill;

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(3) Clark amendment stipulating that personal expenditures made between January 29, 1976, and the enactment of this bill shall not count toward the personal limitation;

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(4) Clark amendment stipulating that the Commission, within thirty days, must propose a rule or regulation in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Administrative Procedure Act;

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(5) Clark amendment clarifying intent of the committee with regard to expenditures for legal and accounting services;

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(6) Clark amendment stipulating that if a candidate's authorized committees received contributions or made expenditures totaling \$5,000 or less, the committees would not have to report to the Federal Election Commission until the end of the calendar year;

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(7) Clark amendment to provide a minimal civil penalty of \$5,000 for any violation;

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(8) Clark amendment establishing \$250 criminal penalty for violations of Sections 325 and 326;

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(9) By 53 yeas to 32 nays, Clark amendment to establish a new \$5,000 limitation on contributions by an individual to a multicandidate political committee;

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(10) Brock amendments, en bloc, to prohibit the use of the frank for mass mailing purposes for a period of 60 days prior to an election;

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(11) Schweiker amendment to restore to present law providing disclosure requirement of the employer of a person who makes a contribution of over \$100; and

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(12) Cannon amendments of a technical and conforming nature.

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